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The last few races

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The sixth race of the evening heads out of the gate during Twilight Racing at the Fort Erie Racetrack on Tuesday. On Wednesday, it was made public that the Fort Erie Racetrack will close its doors on Dec. 31 2012. Twilight racing will be held every Tuesday until the end of August, with a 4: 15 p.m. post time.

Racetrack will close Dec. 31

Historic border oval runs out of options

Kris Dubé
The Times

It's been a long run at the Fort Erie Racetrack, but the powers behind the 115-year-old border oval have said it is time to turn off the lights.

Earlier this week, the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium made it official, that the Fort Erie Racetrack would be closing its doors on Dec. 31.

This decision follows the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation not allowing a local takeover of the slots and racetrack, after the slots closed its doors on April 30.

The 2012 season at the horse track is the final of three that has been funded by about $6 million per year from the provincial government and another $500,000 from the Town of Fort Erie.

For a number of years, leading up to the government's decision to provide funding for a three-year pilot-project of the track being operated as a non-profit organization, the historic facility found itself struggling to stay open.

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This season will continue as planned

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A solution was found, but it has run out.

"This is the first time we've had to declare a closing year," said chief executive officer of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium (FELRC), Jim Thibert.

He also explained that an extension has been applied for on the FELRC's license with the Ontario Racing Commission, hoping one will be granted until March 2013.

Thibert said this would allow the rest of the 2012 meet to run smoothly and without it, the process of closing the doors would have to begin too soon.

"It would intrude on our race operations for this year," said Thibert.

Thibert said the track closing before the last scheduled race date in October is not something he sees happening.

"As long as we have horses and audiences, we'll be there," said Thibert.

He also said the track's finances for this year are in place for a great season, what is left of it.

"We have enough resources to handle all our expenses," said Thibert.

The racing consortium is also petitioning the Ontario Racing Commission to take a look at leftover purse accounts at the end of the season, to see if rebating some of the track's loyal horsemen and women is feasible.

"There's a real possibility they could see a bonus in April," he said.

If there is operating money left, Thibert said it is possible some of the track's long-standing employees could see some of it. Donations may also be made to horse rescue organizations, since there will be several horses without homes once the track closes.

"We want to support them responsibly," he said.

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More Bad News & the Horns From Hell members Bob Manson, Franco Cafavelli and Peter Martin played at the grand opening of the Twilight Tuesday series at the Fort Erie Racetrack last Tuesday.

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'It was like something out of a movie,' says local couple

Weekend in the big city full of excitement

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Nick Fink and Alicia McCloy are comparing their experience from last weekend to something you would see in a high-budget action movie.

The local couple decided to take a trip up the Queen Elizabeth Way last Saturday morning, to watch the Toronto Blue Jays take on divisional rivals, the Boston Red Sox.

Both fans of Canada's only Major League Baseball club, they decided to shake off a 7-4 loss with some shopping at one of Toronto's premier retail outlets, the Eaton Centre.

Nick had worked up an appetite after seeing his team lose and was really only at the mall to fulfill his hunger. Alicia had heard from a friend that the Pickle Barrel was the place to go.

> **"We were only a flight of stairs from where it happened."**
>
> *— Nick Fink*

They walked through the food court and opted to spend a few more dollars than what would be required at one of the many fast-food options that were available, in an area of the shopping centre's food court, where a fatal gang-related shooting would take place minutes after.

The local couple finished their dinner and had no idea what took place a floor beneath them, until they decided to head back into the mall.

But all the stores were in the middle of closing their doors and a security guard told them to head upstairs to ground level to exit the mall, because the subway system had been shut down.

"We were only a flight of stairs away from where it happened," said Fink.

When back outside, on Bloor Street, they knew something serious was happening.

Too many police vehicles to count, media vans and reporters parked everywhere, a helicopter... it was quite the scene for the small town couple.

"It was like something from a movie," they both said.

For Alicia, seeing a large medic bus on scene, made her worry about how severe the situation was.

"I went white in the face. It made me wonder how many people were actually hurt," she said.

Nick and Alicia did plan to stay the night in Toronto, but all the commotion made them head back home.

"I said 'if this is all that's going on in the city, let's get the hell out of here.'"

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Alicia McCloy and Nick Fink holding their day pass for the Toronto subway and Blue Jays tickets from last Saturday. The couple was at the Eaton Centre, when a gang-related shooting inside the mall shocked the entire country.

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Nice toss

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Ivan Antonucci, left, takes a shot at ring toss, while John Arnott and Ludmila Antonucci cheer him on, at Springfest last Saturday. The annual event is held by the Stevensville Kinettes and Kinsmen and volunteer firefighters from Stevensville and provides many activities for the whole family.

'I never campaigned on it,' says Collard

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Paul Collard did not campaign against the Crystal Beach Gateway project, says the councillor elected in 2010 to represent Stevensville.

In the June 2 edition of the Fort Erie Times, editor Kris Dubé wrote an editorial about mayor Doug Martin's recommendation to eliminate the six ward system the Town of Fort Erie governs itself under at the moment.

He wrote that the 2014 election results would be different and made reference to certain members of the current council campaigning against the 12-storey condo development near Crystal Beach, that has made headlines for a number of years since first being introduced.

Collard said that while he was on the campaign trail, the Canadian Motor Speedway was the topic of discussion with Ward 6 residents, much more than the Bay Beach project was.

"That was the issue," said Collard.

As for the condos, he has expressed concern over its location but as a candidate in the election, Collard said there was hardly any mention of it.

"I never campaigned on it and I never really spoke on it," said Collard.

"I've always said I don't like where it is, not what it is."

The Stevensville councillor says the Bay Beach issue needs to be put in the past, since it has been approved and is in the process of going ahead, despite a number of lawsuits and legal proceedings that have been attached to the development.

"It's not council that's holding it up, it's people in the general public," said Collard.

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Ridgeway man faces drug charges

An investigation into drug dealing brought Niagara Regional Police to the home of a Ridgeway man where officers allegedly seized more than $30,000 worth of drugs.

Police said a man was arrested in the parking lot of the library in Ridgeway Tuesday and $250 worth of prescription medication and unidentified substances were seized.

A raid at the man's home resulted in the seizure of pot plants worth $28,000, $250 wroth of prescription pills, $2,110 worth of cocaine, more than $5,000 in Canadian currency and other items used to sell drugs.

Preston Woods, 28, is charged with breach of recognizance, seven counts of drug possession for the purpose of trafficking, production of a controlled substance and possession of proceeds of crime.

He was held for a bail hearing.

Local man dies in weekend crash

A 42-year-old Fort Erie man was killed Saturday night after his pickup truck went out of control and landed in a ditch on Hwy. 3, near Matthews Rd. in Fort Erie.

Ontario Provincial Police report the crash occurred at about 11:10 p.m. and the driver was the lone occupant of the GMC Sierra pickup truck that was eastbound on Hwy. 3.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

The OPP are not releasing the name of the victim at the request of the family.

Police had Hwy. 3, between Nigh and Point Abino Rds., closed for five hours while they conducted their investigation.

The roadway was reopened at 4:10 a.m. on Sunday.

Anyone with information about this collision is encouraged to contact the Niagara OPP Detachment at 905-356-1311.

Chemical fire contained

A stretch of Gilmore Road was closed for about five hours on Saturday.

Emergency crews were called to Newalta, a factory on Pettit Road near the Fort Erie Truck and Travel Plaza.

Fire chief Larry Coplen said the stretch of Pettit Road, between Gilmore and Bowen Roads was closed until about 2 a.m on Sunday, after being shut down around 9 p.m. Saturday night.

He referred to the incident as a chemical fire and said that crews were able to control the situation.

"The fire was contained. It didn't spread to other chemicals or parts of the building," he said.

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our editorial

Anticipation is building for celebrations

The opening festivities for the 1812 Bicentennial are fast approaching.

From June 15 to 18, there are a number of once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for people across the Niagara region to gather together to commemorate the 200 years of peace between Canada and the US.

It's certainly understandable that not everyone is excited by history. But are we proud Canadians?

If the War of 1812 had ended any differently, then the way Canadians identifed themselves would be much different today.

As much as we love and appreciate our neighbours south of the border, are we not grateful to have our own country? Our own identity?

The 1812 celebrations are important because they will draw crowds from all over the country, and the celebrations will bring people from the US and maybe even other parts of the world.

CTV will bring it's Canada AM show to broadcast from Fort George in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Wednesday June 13 to remind Canadians across the country of the importance of the bicentennial and all of the events that will be held in honour of it.

It's from 6 a.m. until 9 a.m. and the event is open to the public.

A multi-denominational church service will be held at the Chippewa Battlefield in Niagara Falls at 1 p.m. On Sunday, June 17.

Later that same evening, there will be a special viewing of WNED's documentary The War of 1812 which will be shown on an outdoor HD cinema at Oaks Garden in Niagara Falls.

The evening will conclude with the bursting of brilliant fireworks over the falls.

Fort Erie certainly won't be left out of the 1812 fun. A special Canadian Citizenship Ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m. at Mather's Arch on Monday, June 18—the same day that the war was declared 200 years ago.

These are just a few of many things that will be happening across the region.

If you would like to learn more about our glorious country and the way it came to be today, or if you're a history enthusiast, or you don't know much about the country's history, now is the perfect time to learn.

Canada is an amazing country and the 1812 celebrations will be something that many people will remember for many years to come.

We hope that many locals will be out and about in the community and enjoying many of the events that commemorate an important battle that took place so many years ago.

Do You Remember?

Our thanks to Jaime Wisnowski, Al McNeil and Dave Ervine for identifying the bikers in last week's photo.

They are front row from left to right are Jaroslav Wisnowski, third place and top Fort Erie racer, Frank Jankovich, second place, and Rod Hughes, first place. Back row, left to right are Al Buchkowski, fourth place, Mayor Girve Fretz and Dave Ervine, fifth place.

Dave was a RCBHS student and the first Ridgeway finisher in this 1977 Fort Erie Marathon.

Jaime tells us that his dad, known locally as 'nature boy', was a huge advocate of physical fitness and the whole Wisnowski family would accompany him to all these events including the very first Buffalo to Canada marathon.

Thanks to former cadet Mike Brice, Lieutenant Nicholas Chevalier of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and Captain Jim Priebe for providing further identification for the May 26 photo.

We now have all the names for these 337 Allan Troup Squadron cadets who received promotions in 1981. Back row, left to right, Tom Bellefontaine, Dave Pooler, Barry Devereux and Rob Ritner. Front row, left to right, Joe Hall, Zoltan Pozsonyi and Mark Gilmore.

This week's photo shows three award-winning golfers.

We have one name on the back, Lee Henning.

If you know which one Lee is or can identify any of the other golfers, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@fort-erie.on.ca.

Be cautious around strange animals—they can be very dangerous

Dear Editor,

I visited a convenience store on Garrison this past Wednesday and I had a terrible experience with a dog.

I came out of the store and I began a conversation with a lady .

I've never met her before and I am not sure what her name is.

We were standing beside her vehicle when all of the sudden, her dog put his face through the window.

The animal's face came so fast out of the window and he bit right into my arm.

I fell back towards the wall of the building grabbing my arm. I was in a state of shock.

I was wondering what had happened when the lady came over to me and took hold of me and asked me if I was alright.

She put the sleeve of my cardigan down to look at the bite and asked me again if I was alright.

She walked me over to my car and said good luck, and then she was gone.

I drove myself home but I am not sure how I did it.

My husband took me to the hospital where a doctor gave me a tetanus shot, and a prescription for antibiotics to help stop any bacteria.

I was in the hospital for nearly two hours with a black arm.

I received a phone call from the department of health and I was informed it would be necessary to get rabies shots since I wasn't sure whether or not the animal that had bit me had his rabies shots.

I believe the dog was a German shepherd. I am not sure of the colours of the dog because I was in too much of a state of shock.

I'm hoping the owner of the dog, or anyone who knows the dog will come forward.

I would like to know about the dog's health information.

Days after the incident, my arm is still black.

I also want to warn others, especially young children, to be careful when they are around animals.

I'm afraid other people might have the same thing happen to them.

Even though an animal might seem friendly, you never know what it might do.

If anyone has information or the owner of the dog who bit me wouldn't mind phoning me, my phone number is 905-994-0923.

Shirley Lemire
Fort Erie

opinion page

Abondoning six–ward system will not benefit the town

Dear Editor,

It is interesting how Mayor Doug Martin comes up with nefarious schemes in between municipal elections.

In the last council it was the Bay Beach Development scheme, now it's the abandonment of the democratic six-ward system and to have a town wide vote.

I am assuming the mayor's supporters, past and present, will be the main opposition to the unwanted west end councillors.

We are getting the usual nonsense about consultations with the public which really means it goes in one ear and out the other and politicians will do what they want anyway.

Don't forget Mayor Martin, this town was artificially created in 1970 by the provincial government.

The interests of the east part of Fort Erie are not the same as the west.

This was obvious in the last election.

Until you can come up with a balance that doesn't allow the more populous east end from overriding the will of the west part of town you will never get true democracy.

This is why Mayor Martin is still mayor, he was out-voted completely in the Crystal Beach, Ridgeway, Stevensville corridor (with help from Ward 3) and yet held on to power by the voters in Ward 1 and 2 mainly voting for him.

The only democratic way, if we must pursue this agenda, is to have a referendum before the next election, as I previously suggested on the Bay Beach issue, and if the motion is defeated then Mayor Martin should not run in the next election. We would expect no less

Peter Bondsfield
Ridgeway

Politicians need to do more to save the racetrack and slots

Dear Editor,

Since the slots closed at the race track, and I heard all the tough talk from our politicians that they were not going to accept this decision and they were going to fight.

I have sat and waited, read your paper for anything, any action, any discussion regarding the slots and the race track.

The results have been nothing.

I want to stress that I am not in favour of the government getting into the gambling business, whether it is the lottery, scratch tickets or casinos.

However, politians who talk a good game but don't perform angers me more.

What could they have done you ask?

Well, if the OLG won't play ball with Fort Erie, stop doing everything to please them.

Instead, why not pass a bylaw to eliminate the sale of all OLG products in our stores.

If the Town of Fort Erie wants to get into the slots business, like any other business, it can find investors, get loans and reopen the slots.

Don't ask the OLG for permissionlike a six year-old old girl asking her mom if she can set up a lemonade stand at the end of the driveway.

Just do it.

Greg Gwynne
Fort Erie

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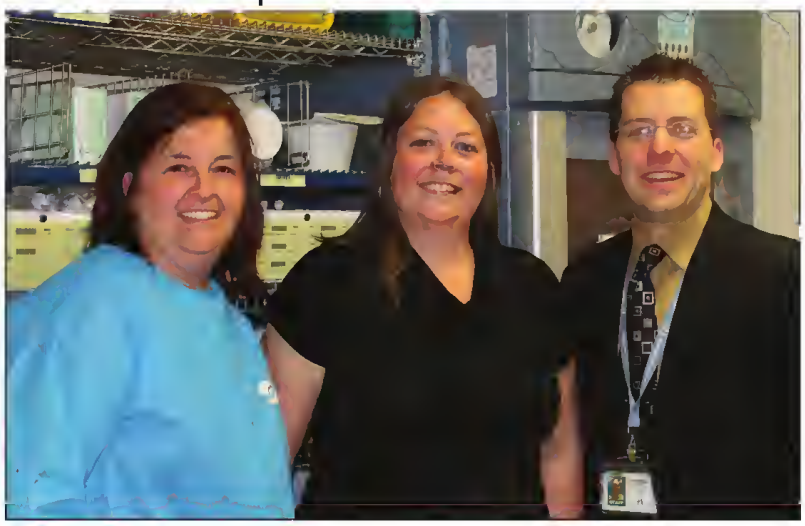

JoAnne Duckworth, a nurse, organizer Cassandra Harriettha and Parker Neale, of the McMaster Foundation, are thankful for the community's support at a recent fundraiser held for Eva's Voice of Angels at the Ridgeway Legion. Hundreds of books, toys and other items were were given to children in the Hematology Oncology Pediatric Outpatient Clinic at McMaster Children's Hospital.

Feeding families one garden at a time

Members of The Fort Erie Salvation Army, in partnership with the United Way, The Trillium Foundation of Ontario and Climate Action Niagara celebrated the grand opening of Sally's Garden on Thursday. The garden feeds about 30 people from 12 different families and extra produce from the garden is donated to the Salvation Army's food bank.

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(1) TENDER FOR BERTIE STREET ADDITIONAL PARKING CONTRACT NO. IS.12BEPK

To furnish all machinery, labour, tools, apparatus and materials necessary to complete removal of existing curbs, relocation of existing catch basins, installation of a new curb, asphalt and restoration of disturbed area in order to create additional parking on Bertie Street in strict accordance with the drawings and contract documents.

Sealed tenders clearly marked as to content will be received by Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk, Municipal Centre, Fort Erie, Ontario until 2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME on:

TUESDAY, JUNE 26th, 2012

Submissions for this project received prior to the stated closing date and time will be publicly opened at the Fort Erie Town Hall Committee Room No. 3.

All Town issued formal competitive bid opportunities are posted on the Town's Biddingo Landing page at www.biddingo.com/forterie or alternatively, commencing June 11, 2012, with a payment of $28.25., (Cash or Cheque payable to Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie) hard copies of the tender documents may be pick up at:

Town Hall, Engineering Division
1 Municipal Centre Drive, 2nd Floor, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6,

As of Monday, June 11th, 2012, Tender Documents may be viewed at the Town of Fort Erie Infrastructure Services Department, Engineering Division and at the Niagara Construction Association, 34 Scott Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

(2) NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS TO DESTROY NOXIOUS WEEDS

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. W.5, Amended by: 2006, c. 32, Sched. C, Section 70, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Municipality of the Town of Fort Erie are destroyed by June 1, 2012 and throughout the season, as often as necessary, the Municipality may enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the costs against the land, as set out in the Act.

In the interest of public health, noxious weeds requiring eradication as they appear are Goat's Beard, Thistles, Ragweed, Poison Ivy, Wild Carrot, etc.

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Each Additional Acre or Part Thereof, Over 10 Acres	$ 313.00
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The co-operation of all citizens is earnestly solicited.

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905-871-1600, ext. 2466

Church donates

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Reverend Mark Gladding, from St. Paul's Anglican Church hands a cheque worth $500 to Margaret Smith, director of Dreams to Memories. The money was raised by the church's ladies' auxiliary and its annual Victorian Tea, held earlier this year. Dreams to Memories is an organization that helps families with terminally ill parents. On June 17, St. Paul's will welcome history enthusiasts with Cpl. Kirby Day at 2 p.m. There are nine graves at the church's cemetery that hold the remains of soldiers killed in the War of 1812.

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Former mayor Louis Ziff passes away at age 99 in Toronto

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The second half of Fort Erie's "first couple" has passed away.

Louis Ziff served as mayor of Fort Erie from 1948-49 and on Saturday, died in hospital in Toronto.

He was 98-years-old.

His wife Stella, who was mayor of Fort Erie from 1978-80, passed away in 2009.

Louis was the founder of the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce and was also a founder of Fort Erie's Friendship Festival.

The couple spent decades serving the people of Fort Erie in a number of capacities, before retiring to a retirement home in the Greater Toronto Area in 2006.

A funeral service was held in Calgary on Wednesday.

The family asks that donations in Ziff''s honour be sent to the Niagara chapter of the Alzheimer's Society.

Mayor Doug Martin, knew the Ziff's rather well and said Louis was someone who played an important role in the growth of the town.

> **"Anything that was good for Fort Erie, is something he took pride in"**
>
> *—Paul Ziff*

"He was a great ambassador to Fort Erie," Martin told the Fort Erie Times.

Flags were be set at half mast at Town Hall, following Ziff's funeral on Wednesday.

Louis' son Paul spoke to the Fort Erie Times briefly on Wednesday, saying that his father always had Fort Erie in mind.

He had many contacts across the river in Buffalo and Paul said he was regularly speaking fondly of the community.

"He was always promoting Fort Erie. He always saw potential for Fort Erie, no matter where it was in the economic cycle," said Paul Ziff.

When asked what accomplishment his father was most proud of, Paul said it would be the Friendship Festival, because of how much it blossomed since its inception.

"Anything that was good for Fort Erie, is something he took pride in."

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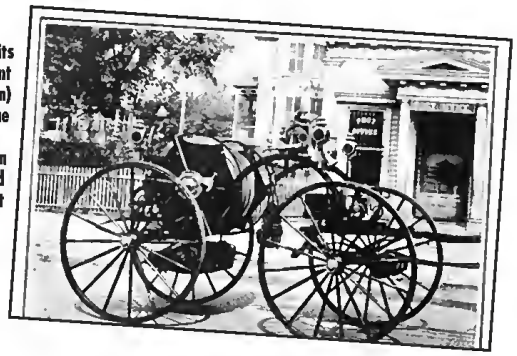
Brief History of Fort Erie Fire Company #1



When the Village of Fort Erie was incorporated in 1857, it did not register an official Fire Company to protect its town. Records indicate that in June of 1862 - almost exactly 5 years after incorporating - a large fire broke out in the Village of Fort Erie. Evidence points to the fire starting at Johnson's Tavern (also known as the Castle inn) on Queen Street. This was a known gambling hall which also held regular boxing matches for its clientele and the residents of the Village.

The fire rolled down Queen Street to Niagara Street, spread North along Niagara Street to Forsythe Street, and then headed West up Forsythe Street . Everything in the path of the fire was consumed and the Village of Fort Erie did not have trained personnel or equipment available to battle the blaze. The fire was so destructive and massive that the residents described it as the Holocaust .

Having neither experience nor the facilities necessary to hold back the roaring flames, the Buffalo Fire Department was organized to assist. Buffalo Fire commandeered ferry boats to cross the Niagara River and delivered the badly needed firefighting equipment and men to battle the destructive inferno.

Interestingly, a basic fee structure was listed for the fire personnel and related services. Some of the fees listed:

- $1.50 to feed six men
- $3.00 for four watchmen to protect the Village from looters
- $2.00 toward two citizens for services in assisting extinguishing the fire

As well, many other small accounts appeared in council as a result of the fire, including remuneration of beer, ale, and whiskey for the Buffalo firemen who helped save the Village.

Soon after the fire was extinguished, a Bucket Brigade was organized and thus Fort Erie Fire Company #1 was born, in Late June, 1862. Records are sparse until 1909, when Lou Douglas was elected Fire Chief by the 16 men Brigade. From this small Brigade of surviving volunteers spawned many years of dedicated volunteer Fire Service and an additional five Companies, which to this day, stand by ready to protect the Town of Fort Erie and its Residents.

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Food during the day will be provided by Team Denmark and includes yummy hamburgers, sausages, and hot dogs.

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FORT ERIE: State of Our Economy...REVISED!!!

A Message to Constituents from Mayor Doug Martin

Good people of Fort Erie, as you may be aware, on April 30, 2012 the Province of Ontario closed the OLG Slots at Fort Erie Race Track. Not only did this throw more than 200 people out of work, but also induced the loss of 85 more jobs at the Fort Erie Race Track tied directly to supporting the Slots operation.

Further, the Province retracted the long-standing revenue sharing program with Ontario Race Tracks, which means, they have effectively closed the Fort Erie Race Track, and this will be the last season for thoroughbred racing in Fort Erie. This is in addition to the implementation of Provincial policies that are hindering growth opportunities and our future prosperity, including; Provincially Significant Wetlands policy which sterilizes our industrial land potential along the QEW and restrictions on our ability to expand our Urban Service Boundaries where we need to accommodate development demand.

My Council and senior staff have been working with our Economic Development & Tourism Corporation on major development projects and we have two very significant investments that can happen, and happen quickly, if the Province would finally make Fort Erie a priority. Both the Canadian Motor Speedway and the Miller's Creek/NPC Marina projects would have significant regional, provincial and federal economic impacts.

Our Fort Erie EDTC has utilized the Provincial economic modeling and forecasting protocols (TREIM) to demonstrate how horrendous this callous decision to close the OLG Slots and the Fort Erie Race Track will be on our community, but also, to show the positive economic impacts of our planning and requests to the Province of Ontario in support of the two new projects.

We need everyone's support if we are to succeed in our efforts.

Sincerely,

Douglas Martin - Mayor

NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF CLOSURE OF OLG SLOTS AT FORT ERIE & FORT ERIE RACE TRACK

	2013	5 YEARS
CLOSURE OF OLG SLOTS AT FORT ERIE RACE TRACK Econo-Negative Impact(s)* 214 jobs lost (+ 115 indirect jobs lost)	- $56, 305,054	- $281,525,270
CLOSURE OF THE FORT ERIE RACE TRACK Econo-Negative Impact(s)* 265 jobs lost (+ 557 indirect jobs lost)	-$73,790,274	-$368,951,370
TOTAL ECONO-NEGATIVE IMPACT(S)* **479 jobs lost (+ 672 indirect jobs lost)**	**-$130,095,328**	**-$650,476,640**

* As determined using the Ontario Ministry of Tourism TREIM Economic Impact Model.

Our Solutions – A 4 Part Plan

1 PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP FOR THE CANADIAN MOTOR SPEEDWAY PROJECT

It is estimated that $50 million worth of off-site infrastructure services would be required, predominantly highway and interchange improvements, as a Provincial requirement for this development. It will be necessary for the Province to undertake these improvements in support of the $210 million private on-site investment.

The Town would also seek focused and dedicated Support at the Regional Director's level at the Ministry of Transportation to coordinate any highway improvements necessary for the development and implementation of a traffic management plan.

	2013	5 YEARS
CANADIAN MOTOR SPEEDWAY		
One Time Economic Impact - Capital Development*		
1,156 jobs (direct, indirect & induced)	$235,099,512	$235,099,512
Annual Economic Impact - Annual Visitation/Spending*		
3,193 jobs (direct, indirect & induced)	$369,800,339	$1,849,001,695
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT(S)*	**$604,899,851**	**$2,084,101,207**
4,349 jobs (direct, indirect & induced)		

2 PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP FOR THE MILLER CREEK MARINA/NIAGARA PARKS COMMISSION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The entire project has also been frustrated by the restructuring and governance issues at the Commission.

The Town of Fort Erie seeks Provincial assistance to work with the Niagara Parks Commission to allow this project to move forward. The Town requests that the Province work with the Niagara Parks Commission to receive an Order in Council that will allow the developer to move forward with the Miller's Creek Marina project.

	2013	5 YEARS
MILLER'S CREEK/NPC MARINA		
One Time Economic Impact - Capital Development*		
1,169 jobs (direct, indirect & induced)	$235,985,614	$235,985,614
Annual Economic Impact - Annual Visitation/Spending*		
210 jobs (direct, indirect & induced)	$36,614,176	$183,070,880
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT(S)*	**$272,599,790**	**$419,056,494**
1,379 Jobs (direct, indirect & induced)		

3 DESIGNATE THE AREA ALONG THE QEW FROM SOUTH NIAGARA FALLS THROUGH FORT ERIE AS PROVINCIALLY SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYMENT LANDS

The Town of Fort Erie seeks that the lands along the QEW from Fort Erie to Niagara Falls zoned industrial (within the economic gateway zone) be designated as "Provincially Significant Employment Lands".

Currently, much of these lands are designated PSWs and while the Town respects the Province's and municipality's environmental responsibilities, the effect of the PSW designation essentially sterilizes the best opportunities the Town of Fort Erie and the City of Niagara Falls has for siting new industry and business. The Province has recognized this area as a gateway economic corridor in its Growth Plan.

4 CREATION OF A "FORT ERIE RESILIENCE FUND"

The loss of slots and the loss of the horse racing track in 2013 will have a major economic impact on Fort Erie not just in job losses but also in revenue losses to the Town and businesses in town and the region. These losses will impact the ability of the Town to invest and provide the tools necessary to capitalize on the development opportunities previously noted as well as new initiatives.

We would support Minister Duguid's (MEDI) initiative, Bill 11, respecting establishment of development funds in order to promote regional economic development.

The Town would respectfully request that the Province commit resources in the amount of $2 million per year for a five year period to support the necessary economic development studies, strategies, infrastructure investment for business parks for the industrial zone and increase our competitiveness on land costs and development that are necessary in the first 2 to 3 years. In subsequent years, three through five, the Town would use the funds predominantly to market and attract business and industry necessary to both replace and rebuild our economic base to a sustainable level of growth.

Fort Erie Economic Development & Tourism Corporation
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Donating to Legion branch

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230 president Barbara Hopkins, accepts a cheque from Paul Finlayson, from Finlayson Tire Service. The local business raised $750 at its 40-year anniversary golf tournament and has decided to donate it to Br. 230's poppy fund. Another $500 has also been raised to honour two local veterans at the Juno Beach Centre.

Singing some old favourites

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Elementary School Choir visited residents at the Gilmore Lodge on Thursday afternoon to sing some old favourite songs from the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. The Choir is made up of about 30 students from Grades 1 to 8, and the goal of the choir is to give students an opportunity to learn about music while teaching them showmanship, responsibility and about giving back to the community.

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Save money and help families in need with one coupon at a time

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

They're everywhere—in newspapers, on cereal boxes, in the stores and even online.

And they are the key to help people get many basic neccessities such as cleaning products, shampoo, tooth brushes and more for free, or "basically free," says Mindy Leveille.

Levielle is talking about coupons.

People don't realize how beneficial they can be, she says.

Levielle and her friend Loren Landry began couponing about a year ago and through a coupon sharing website, they met Shannon Cline.

Each week, they swap coupons in order to get the best deals on the items that they need.

All three say within a year, they have saved about $1,000 just by using coupons.

Wanting to share what they have learned, Leveille created a group with her friends called Simply Helping Other People—or SHOP.

Together, the ladies take all of the unused coupons—which they get from family, friends, neighbours, or wherever they can get their hands on them—and they buy items at a fraction of the cost and donate them to Community Outreach Program Erie.

Just this week, the ladies used 500 coupons to purchase more than $800 of groceries at a fraction of the cost.

The ladies are also hoping to award one family a month that is in need with $200 or more of groceries, cleaning and hygiene items.

It's especially important to help people now because of the current economy and economic struggle, says Levielle.

"I think it's even more important to help families now more than ever."

Nominations can be submitted to SHOP by visiting their Facebook page.

It's all anonymous as well, says Levielle.

Winning families will also be given a new binder full of brand new coupons and the ladies will take them on a shopping trip to teach them how to shop and save money using coupons.

For more information or to donate unused coupons phone 895-871-0535.

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Mindy Leveille, her daughter Neveah, Shannon Cline, Eadie and her mom Loren Landry recently formed a group called Simply Helping Other People, or SHOP. They use coupons to purchase items at a discounted rate to save money and give back to the community by donating items to Community Outreach Program Erie.

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Organizer hopes program will make a difference in many lives

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

There are many types of support services in town but Fred Sault dreams of something a little different.

There are places for people to access food banks, clothing and financial help but there is nothing out there to get families out in the community "to do something together," Sault says.

That's one of the reasons why Sault has created Rainbow Programs, in partnership with his church, the All Nations Fellowship.

"Everyone is invited. This event is for everyone in the community."

From July 16 until July 20 a number of activities including sports games such as soccer, and volleyball, children's games, prayers, camp fires and worship singing will be offered.

"There will be many different events that families and individuals can participate in."

The hope is that every person who attends will inspire someone else, have a positive influence and act as a mentor to others.

The goal of the program is to get children out with their parents to have fun together, to meet other members of the community.

Sault says he was once a party animal who fell into addiction and it left him "feeling empty." It wasn't until he found the support through his church that he was able to recover.

He began working as a social worker, which helped him to see the need for programs like the one he hopes to build a strong foundation for in Fort Erie.

Sault says a fundraiser is being held for Rainbow Programs on July 23 at the All Nations Fellowhip. From 9 to 5 p.m there will be a lawn sale car wash and barbecue.

He adds that donations of gently used items will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 22.

For more information or to register for the program phone 905-871-1773 before July 1.

All Nations Fellowship is located on the corner of Burleigh Road and Garrison Road.

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Fred Sault stands outside the crosses near the All Nations Fellowship. He hopes to organize a week-long program in July for families and individuals in the community to come together, play sports, games and enjoys camp fires, songs and many other activities.

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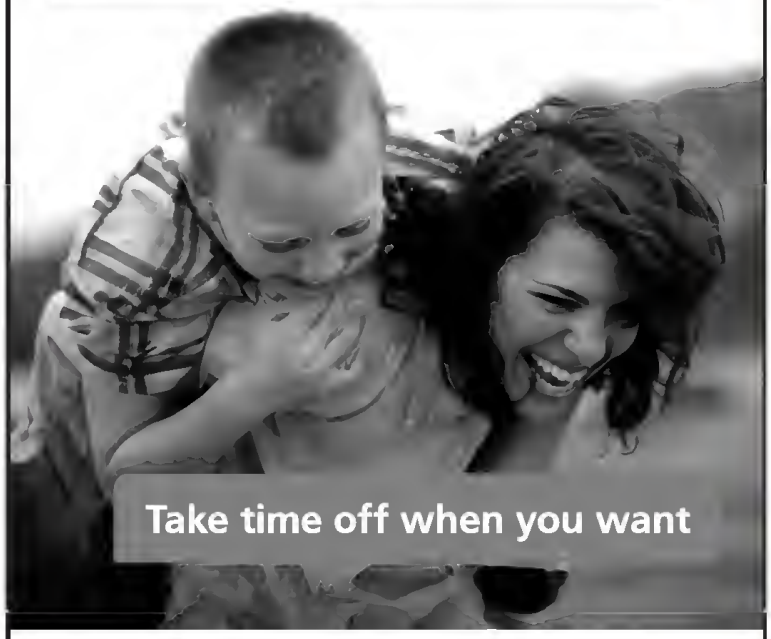

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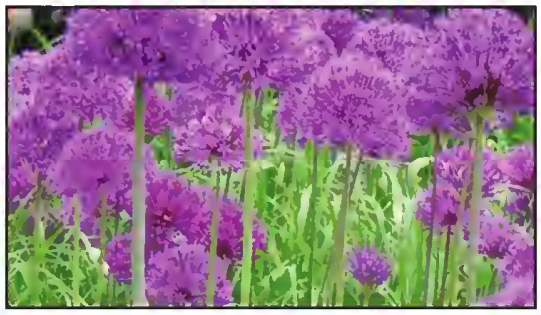

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Jockey trots along her own path

Francine Villeneuve is one of this year's inductees into the Sports Wall of Fame

Sarah Ferguson
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When she began her career in horse racing, Francine Villeneuve began a journey that would one day lead her to become the female jockey with the most wins in Canadian thoroughbred racing history.

She was the first female jockey in Canadian racing history to reach 1,000 career wins.

Villeneuve is being inducted into the Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame and she says it's an honour to be recognized within such an important community.

Villeneuve was born in Ottawa on July 22, 1964 and since of the age of six, she says she remembers riding horses—they are her passion, and they are a big part of her life.

Villeneuve says she wasn't sure what she wanted to do for the rest of her life—but she was sure it involved horses. To determine what her path would be, Villeneuve began a course in equine studies at Humber College.

It was at Humber College that Villeneuve says she met a professor that changed her life—her teacher and mentor helped Villeneuve get a job at a Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto.

"While taking that course, my instructor took me under her wing," says Villeneuve.

"I'm not sure why she choose me—maybe it's because I was the right size."

Villeneuve entered the world of horse racing in 1984 when she took a job as a hot walker, walking horses to cool them down after workouts or long races.

When Villeneuve rode her first race in 1987, riding Autumn Lyric, she had to prove she belonged. At that time, there were very few female jockeys, says Villeneuve.

The jockey says she came across many people in the industry who said they have never dealt with a female jockey—but things have certainly changed and female jockeys are becoming more common, Villeneuve says.

Although she isn't sure her success in the industry has necessarily helped open doors for other female jockeys, Villeneuve says she had plenty of opportunity and the right support.

"I think people realize at a young age that many people face adversity—not just women."

It wasn't always easy, and it took a lot of confidence and "very broad shoulders," to keep on going, she adds.

Over the next 24 years, Villeneuve says her life involved staying in top physical shape, long days of difficult work, no vacations or holidays and putting her life on-the-line as she road horses at neck-breaking speeds.

Racing is an experience that gives an adrenaline rush, and it's something that can't be described, only experienced, says Villeneuve.

She moved to Fort Erie in 1990 because of the freedom and the small-town feel that the Fort Erie Race Track offered.

"The track has authenticity, it's picture perfect and it's a great place for horses. They just like it there."

At the time, the jockey never thought she would achieve so much in her career—she took a second place finish in the 1991 Queen's Plate, competed in the Breeders' Cup Distaff, finishing second in the Prince of Wales in 2005 and Villeneuve went on to win the Avelino Gomez Memorial Award for her contribution to racing.

She is the first and only female rider to receive this award—past winners include horse racing legends Larry Attard, Robin Platts and Sandy Hawley.

The Sports Wall of Fame dinner and ceremony, hosted by the Fort Erie Kinsmen Club will be held on June 15.

Tickets for this year's dinner and induction ceremonies at the banquet hall in the Fort Erie Leisureplex can be purchased for $50 each by calling the law office of Michael George at 905-871-8705.

Francine Villeneuve celebrated her 1,000 win on October 31, 2011 in the $30,000 Fan's Cup at Fort Erie Racetrack on Red Hot Doll. The jockey is one of this year's inductees into the Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame next weekend

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Deaths

Groot, John

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It is with tremendous sadness that we announce the untimely passing of a wonderful human being, John Groot, at the age of 61 at the Carpenter Hospice in Burlington, Ontario.

John touched lives and made friends no matter where his journeys or his canary yellow Ford Mustang would take him. He and his beloved sweetie, Marie, would often enjoy exotic travels. During his final days, he talked of going to the warm waters and sands of Mexico.

But John also loved the simpler things, and was at his happiest when spending time with family and friends at The NET Camping Resort in Vineland. In his professional life, John was recognized for 30 years of dedicated service to Sheridan College.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Marie (nee Minnick); son Rob (Cherie); stepdaughter Lisa McMenamie (Ryan) and stepson Donato Mancini. He was "Papa" to Marisa and "Opa" to Bryley. He is also survived by three brothers: George (Dee), Simon (Lori) and David (Dana). Predeceased by parents Simon and Cora Groot, John also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A celebration of life will take place on Saturday June 23 at the Burlington Arts Centre, 1333 Lakeshore Rd. Friends and family are welcome to drop in between the hours of 1pm-4:30pm. Memorial donations to the Carpenter Hospice in Burlington, Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

MELDRUM, Robert John - Born Sept. 7, 1927, passed away June 5, 2012 with his family by his side. Survived by his dear wife, Evelyn and children Bob, Cheryl (Jim) Desautel, Kevin (Karen), and Greg. Also survived by his sister Marion Egeto, brother-in-law Allan (Thelma) Wolbert. Loving Grandfather to Stacey, Sara, Kathleen, Gennifer, Steven, and Great-Grandpa to Zoe, Noah, and Juniper. Bob will be joining his predeceased parents and siblings and many extended relatives in the great beyond. Born in Toronto, Bob moved to Fort Erie in his teens and worked for Canada Customs for ten years before pursuing his dream of Club Management at such establishments as the Buffalo Canoe Club in Fort Erie, the 400 Club in Calgary, the Rideau Club in Ottawa, the Welland Club and returning to Cherry Hill Club for the 2nd time until his retirement in 1985. Bob loved the written word in both reading and composition. We will miss his eloquent 'letters to the editor'. He was a past president of the Ridgeway Lions' Club and an officer in the Royal Canadian Legion. He still enjoyed playing tennis until not so long ago and acting. Bob enjoyed a good poker game and playing family card games throughout the years. Bob was privileged to receive wonderful care over the past years from staff at Douglas Memorial Hospital, NFGH, and especially Welland General Hospital his last few days. He also raved about the excellent home care from the nurses of St. Elizabeth's. At Bob's request cremation has taken place and a graveside service will be held Monday, June 11th, 2012 at 2pm. In lieu of flowers donations to the Canadian Kidney Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120

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NIGH, John Walter - Peacefully at Douglas Memorial Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer on Sunday June 3rd, 2012 at the age of 61 years. John is survived by his sisters Lois (the late Ted Schryer) Anna and brother Bob. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was well loved by many and will always be remembered by his many family and friends, especially Lynn, Dean and Bob Hibbard. Predeceased by his father Walter Nigh in 1977, his mother Gladys Nigh in 2005 and his brother Joseph Nigh in 2005. Special thank you to Aunt Ollie. Friends called at **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME** 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway from 2-4 and 7-9 Thursday. Funeral services were in the chapel Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment Bertie Church Cemetery. Memorial donations would be appreciated to the Canadian Cancer Society. Sharing of memories, pictures and condolences at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca.

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Deaths

ZIFF, Louis - June 24, 1913 - June 3, 2012 - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved father and grandfather, who passed away peacefully at Baycrest Hospital in Toronto, just weeks shy of his 99th birthday. Most of Louis's remarkably long and happy life was spent in Fort Erie, Ontario, where he left an indelible mark upon the town. Louis was predeceased by his cherished and formidable wife Stella, and is already missed by his son, Paul Ziff and his wife Anthea, his daughter Debbie Bondar, of Calgary, as well as his grandchildren Lauren and Jordan Bondar, his brother David Ziff, his brother-in-law Henry Fliess, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and old friends. An excellent student, Louis's debating skills served him well when he left Fort Erie to attend the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School, from which he graduated in 1941. Louis's legal career was interrupted by World War II, during which he volunteered for the Air Force and served as a radar mechanic overseas. Upon his return to Fort Erie in 1945, Louis started his law practice and also began what would be a six decade life of public service to the small town in which he was raised and would soon start his own family. He immediately became involved in civic life, first with the Board of Education that remained a primary interest during his lifetime. He then turned to town affairs and founded the Chamber of Commerce in 1947. The following year he ran for mayor and served two terms, during which - among many other accomplishments - he introduced postal service to Fort Erie. Louis's life took a fateful and delightful turn when he met his future bride during a trip to Northern Ontario one summer. He married his beloved Stella in 1950, and together they raised their two children while devoting the next 55 years to the town that they loved. Louis will forever be remembered as half of Fort Erie's 'first couple'. While building his law practice, for which he was eventually awarded the honour of Queen's Council, or Q.C., Louis remained an active participant in Education for over four decades. He was also a founder of the Friendship Festival, which has grown into an international annual event celebrating the good relations between Canada and the United States of America since the end of the War of 1812. Louis and Stella were dearly missed when they left Fort Erie and moved into Toronto's Hazelton Place Retirement Home in 2006. Sadly, Stella passed away in 2009 and Louis moved into Baycrest Geriatric Centre, where he lived for his remaining years. But love followed Louis wherever he went, and the family is forever grateful to the doctors and staff at Baycrest and the private caregivers - his devoted Sarah, Rebecca and Shermajal - who took such amazing care of him up to his very last moments. A funeral service was held in Calgary on Wed. June 6, at 11:30 am at the Chevra Kadisha Chapel (corner Highway 22X & 37 St. SW). For further info call 403-397-4276. Donations may be sent to the Alzheimers Society - Niagara Region, or in your own area.

Deaths

PAYNE, Robert - Bob passed away at his home, surrounded by the love and presence of his family on June 2nd, 2012 at the age of 68. Loving husband and best friend of Lois. Proud father of Mark (Linda) Prince, Kelley Ann (Dean) Stewart, Jay Payne and Mami (Brian) Gauthier. Adored Poppa of Doug (Tiffany) Stewart, Dan (Allison) Stewart, Drew Gauthier and Julia Gauthier. Sadly missed by his brother Ronald (Joy) Payne, his many friends and his extended family in Mexico, California and Timmins. Bob was a generous man who gave his time and wisdom freely. Active in many charitable and educational organizations within the Town of Fort Erie, he will be missed by amongst others, his friends and colleagues from the Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association, the Fort Erie Kinsmen, The Business Success and Loan Centre, the Fort Erie Public Library Board and the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life. A strong family man, Bob and Lois enjoyed their many adventures camping with their family and later on with their friends in the Good Sam Club. He will be fondly remembered as a long time employee of Peace Bridge Brokerage where he retired as Purchasing Manager and served the North American Fleet Association as the Ontario President. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie, entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Tuesday from 1-3 & 6-9. Funeral Services were held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Wednesday at 11 am. Interment to follow in Greenwood Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association, the Canadian Cancer Society or the Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

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PRAGER, Margot - Wife of the late Fred Prager, passed away Jan 22, 2012. A grave-side memorial service and interment will be held on Saturday, June 16th. The family invites friends to be present at McAfee Cemetery on Thompson Road at the Niagara Parkway at 11 AM.

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REID, Robert "Bob" - At age 85, beloved husband of Valerie, loving father of Charlotte Heighway (Charles), grandfather to Sheila Petrie (Rich), Christopher (Karrie) and Shannon Thomson (Scott), seven greatgrandchildren and a great-greatgrandson. A graveside service will be held at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery on Friday June 15 at 11am followed by a reception at the Ridgeway Legion. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society or a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-1020

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Deaths

UNYI, Richard Paul - We are saddened to announce the sudden passing of Rick Unyi, a loving husband, father, son and brother from an automobile accident on June 2nd, 2012. Beloved husband and best friend of Melissa (nee Hills). Proud father of Tanner and Walker. Cherished son of Judy and Stan Unyi. Loving brother of Shari (Ken) Unyi and Kirk (Sara-Leigh) Unyi. Adored uncle of Brittany, Abbey, Mackenzie, Lauren and Evan. Sadly missed by his mother in law Marilyn Malton, his father in law Doug (Chris) Hills, brother in law Graham (Annarita) Hills and his many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. Born and raised in Stevensville, Rick was a board member with the Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey and a coach with the Novice A.E. Team. He worked as the Director of Raw Materials Inc. and will be sadly missed by founder Wayne Elliott and the entire staff. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Family received friends on Wednesday June 6th from 2-4, 6-9pm. Celebration of Life was held in the Benner Chapel on Thursday at 1pm. If so desired, donations to the Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association or the Niagara Amputee Association - Children's Amputee Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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Heaven's gate swung gently open,
The Master called softly, "Come,"
And you, dear one, took the Master's hand,
And your work on earth was done.
We'll never cease to miss you,
And shed many silent tears,
Because we cannot share with you
Our hopes, our joys, our fears.
But one day, in God's garden,
When the Master calls us to come.
You'll be at the gates with open arms
And say to us, "Welcome Home!"

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Deaths

Card of thanks

John Sims -

We would like to thank our family, extended family, friends and neighbours for the outpouring of love extended to us during this difficult time. We are overwhelmed. What a tribute to John.

Thanks for all the hugs, kind words, flowers, food, mass cards, visits, phone calls, sympathy cards and donations to Peoples Memorial United Church, The Mark Preece Family House and Fort Erie Minor Hockey. Thanks to long time family friend Dorothy van Osch for her gift of music. Thanks to Joan Matthews Williams for playing the organ. To Rev. Issac Flagg thanks for your words of comfort and your time shared with us. Special thanks to the Pall Bearers, brother-in-laws Charlie Middleton and Clint Winger and friends Jeff Aitcheson, Rick Baker, Michael O'Hara and Emile Thebaud and cousins Bob Mewstead and Jim Sims.

Thanks to the two young ambulance medics, the I.C.U. staff at Welland Hospital and the I.C.U. staff at Hamilton General. Thanks so much for all the attention you gave John and our family.Thanks to the staff at The Mark Preece Family House -you made our stay so welcoming. To Phil Screen and the staff at the Williams Funeral Home thanks so much for your caring, compassion and professionalism. To the United Church Ladies of Peoples Memorial thanks for a beautiful lunch. Thanks to Bowen Road Womens Institute for helping with the lunch. All the kindness shown has been greatly appreciated and definitely will not be forgotten.

Audrey & Gord, Bonnie, Charlie, Gordon, Lindsey, Doug, Patti, Clint, Marli & Tyler, Lori, Tom, A.J. & David, Chris, Sarah & Cameran

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In memoriam

DAKU, Renne -
Oct 28 1944 - June 8 2005
Sadly missed but never forgotten
You are in my thoughts everyday and memories last forever. Its still nice to be nice and I miss you, Buddy.
Love Toad

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We treasure still with love sincere,
Beautiful memories of one so dear.

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In memoriam

In memory of a dear mother
BETTY REAMAN
November 19, 1932 - June 15, 1999.
The best of mothers she has been,
And many troubles she has seen,
But she always kept a smiling face,
There's none on earth can fill her place.
Lovingly remembered by Brian, Sandy, Paul, Betty Ann and Families.

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Jessie K. Eden 7/28/46 - 6/7/09

A beautiful garden now stands alone,
Missing the one who nurtured it,
Even though you are gone,
Your flowers still bloom, and the sun it still shines,
But the rain is like tear drops, for the ones left behind

We love you and hold your memory close everyday,
John, Dave, Nicki, Chantal, Zachary, and Chloe

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McClure, Innis June 5th, 1990
McClure, Celia June 7th, 2009

As the days go by we can't forget
The yesterday memories that are with us yet
The Sunday picnics, car rides and fun
The trips to Wasaga just to name one
Those are the thoughts we cherish most
Of 2 loving parents to forever boast
Thanks Mom & Dad
Love Margaret Baskerville and Muriel Johns & Family.

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Schmidt, Hans

In loving memory of Hans Schmidt who passed away in Joliette, Que. on Sat. May 26th, 2012 at the age of 87 years old. He leaves behind his loving wife Monique, her son Pierre(Natalie) Loving father of Diane (Glenn) and Guy(Gayle), four grandchildren Ian, David, Annie & Alex.

Hans had a career as a Professional wrestler, winning International Heavyweight Championship twice in Montreal & U.S.A., Heavyweight Championship in Chicago. Hans also wrestled in Japan. He lived in Crystal Beach in the early 60's to mid 70's. When he retired in the early 70's, Hans moved back to Quebec to the beautiful Laurentian Mountains where he built his own home, it was paradise to him. Hans' funeral service took place on Wed. May 30, 2012 in Entrelac, Que. Dad, your laughter and Bear Hugs will be greatly missed.

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EB-2012-0112

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING FOR AN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE

CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for permission to increase its delivery charges beginning January 1, 2013. The application was filed on May 11, 2012 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,* S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B).

Delivery charges are one of four regular items on Residential and General Service customers' electric bills and vary depending on the amount of electricity consumed.

If the application is approved as applied for, the monthly bill for a Residential customer who consumes 800 kWh per month will increase by about $7.40 in the Fort Erie service area, $8.76 in the Gananoque service area and $9.65 in the Port Colborne service area. The monthly bill for a General Service customer consuming 2,000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of less than 50 kW would increase by about $14.86 in the Fort Erie service area, $19.89 in the Gananoque service area and $22.45 in the Port Colborne service area. The proposed changes to the Delivery charges are separate from other potential changes to the electricity bills, which are not affected by this application.

For additional information on billing items visit the Consumer page of the Board's website at **http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca.**

The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2012-0112. This application will proceed by way of a written or oral hearing, to be subsequently determined. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on all of Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s customers.

How to Participate

Comment

If you wish to give your opinion on the proceeding to the Board Members hearing the application, you are invited to send a written letter of comment to the Board no later than 30 days after the publication or service date of this notice. A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicant and the Hearing Panel.

Observe

If you do not wish to actively participate in the proceeding but you do wish to receive documents issued by the Board, you may request observer status. Your written request must be received by the Board no later than 10 days from the publication or service date of this notice.

Personal Information in Letters of Comment and Observer Requests

All letters of comment or letters requesting observer status will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters can be seen at the Board's offices and will be available on the Board's website. Before placing the letters on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e. not business) contact information from the letters (i.e. the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the letter will become part of the public record. Please address your letter to the Board Secretary at the address below, and reference file number EB-2012-0112 at the top of your letter.

Intervene

If you wish to actively participate in the proceeding (e.g., submit questions, file argument), you may request intervenor status from the Board no later than 10 days after the publication or service date of this notice. Instructions for requesting intervenor status are available on the Board's website at **www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate.** Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which can be seen at the Board's offices and will be available on the Board's website.

If you do not have internet access, please call 1-888-632-2727 to receive information about this proceeding and how to participate.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE IN THE PROCEEDING.

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